

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 1068X

December 21, 2010

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

☒ (X) Notice of Exemption ☐ () Petition for Exemption ☐ () Regulated Abandonment

☒ (X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on December 3, 2010 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended 5 environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended and no new comments were received. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. To address the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (MDNR) concerns regarding water resources and the potential for stormwater and sediment runoff, Missouri Central Railroad Company shall contact MDNR prior to commencement of any salvage activities on this project regarding: removal and salvage methods and stormwater and sediment runoff mitigation practices to be utilized during salvage activities.
2. If salvage activities would disturb an area greater than 1 acre, Missouri Central Railroad Company shall, prior to commencement of any salvage activities, consult with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Kansas City Regional Office regarding its Land Disturbance Permits and comply with its reasonable requirements.
3. In the event that any springs or streams are discovered, Missouri Central Railroad Company shall immediately cease all salvage activities, notify the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (MDNR) Public Drinking Water Branch of the discovery, and consult with OEA and MDNR to determine whether mitigation is necessary.

4. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Missouri Central Railroad Company shall consult with the United States Army Corps of Engineers' Kansas City District (Corps) regarding potential impacts to waters of the United States, including wetlands, and, if applicable, shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the Corps.
5. Missouri Central Railroad Company (MCRR) shall retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties including sites, buildings, structures, and objects within the project right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, has been completed. MCRR shall report back to the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) regarding any consultations with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' State Historic Preservation Office, federally-recognized tribes, or the public. MCRR may not file its consummation notice or initiate any salvage activities related to abandonment (including removal of tracks and ties) until the Section 106 process has been completed and the Board has removed this condition.

If the above conditions are imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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